

# VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE



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## VACCINATING RESERVIST

As the Anthrax program spins up on the ARC side and the ARC component takes on more the frequency of Reservist presenting in you clinic for vaccination will increase. Please ensure that they are in a "status" prior to vaccinating. Status is defined in a message sent out by HQ AFRC in June. <<http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/eh/immdoc/resrvshts.pdf>> The premise behind this, according to the HQ AFRC POC MSgt Tooley, is the concern of adverse events. If they were to have a significant reaction to the vaccine and not be on status they are not entitled to care and would be charged. The other concern is that civilian insurance may not cover it either.

## USAF Allergy Immunization Clinic Directory

Now available on the AF Immunization home page is the A/I Clinic directory. Many folks have already contributed corrections and it continues to be updated almost daily. When you view it, red indicates inaccurate or incomplete information, yellow highlight is DEROS and blue highlight is RNLTD. If you didn't request a copy for review please go to

< <http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/eh/immdoc/airdir1199.pdf> > and review your clinic's information.

It is updated as soon as information arrives. The cumulative update will be posted weekly on Fridays. From the main screen it is listed under "A" directory. You will also find it broken out by Command and soon by Regional facilities.

## Vaccine Management Outside the MTF

The super high intensity topic lately is Anthrax vaccine handling outside the MTF. The same rules should apply to all vaccines, more stringent application to Anthrax for sure.

Recommendation is that you use a cooler with chilled gel packs (not frozen packs or ice) for periods not to exceed two hours and that the temperature be closely monitored and recorded on a log. The temp should stay between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius. This is a temporary fix and monitoring systems MUST be very strict and well documented. Anthrax vaccine MUST be kept in the cooler between uses so that it stays in this temperature range. The long term answer is that USAMMA is prototyping a less expensive off the shelf Vaxipak system. They are getting an NSN established so we can easily order these very temperature stable units. The cost is anticipated to be less than \$150 a piece and they are very portable. They use something called a Phase Change Material which keeps the temp inside the unit very stable for days without the use of any power source. They anticipate that you will be able to order these units by the first of the year if all goes according to plan. (Thanks to Col Van Hook HQ AMC/SGPM for obtaining a straight answer)

## Distance Learning Module

From 13-17 Dec I will be working with TSgt Anspach and SSgt Armstrong at WRAMC to finalize the long awaited DL. The letter designating this training modality is in draft format and soon to go final. This should all roll out at the beginning of the calendar year. The DL will be used to locally train 4N/4F and potentially 41's to administer immunizations without supervision. (41's are in discussion and may not be included.) NREMT will remain as a requirement for these augmentee's. (Immunotherapy **IS NOT** a part of this skills set and still requires formal training IAW 44-102) The letter will go on to say that non traditional AFSC's may be utilized for mass immunization programs with just in time training and that these folks may only operate under the direct supervision of someone fully trained.

### TSgt 4N0X1A's?

I've heard a lot of feedback about a rumor that started a while back. Here are the facts. In Oct the 4N CFM Chief Miraglia, submitted to DP a request for 7 levels to be reinstated into the AFSC 4N0X1A. This would mean TSgt authorizations. This is the first step. There are no definitive plans on how to utilize these authorizations **IF** approved. More than likely they would go out to larger facilities starting with Regionals and down to bases with 3 authorized A's and perhaps as MTF Commanders see fit. Potent discussions on long termers (Those A's that have been at it from the beginning of their career's, "pipliners") needing to re-enter the 4N career track for career development and, lets face it, burn-out. So, nothing is in motion other than the request. It has been disapproved for the last two years, this year may be different.

Thanks to all who lent an ear and spoke their mind when I called to update the directory. Please be safe with the Holidays and hope to speak to you all again in the next millennium!

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"Attention to detail is a key to success, is it on your key chain?"